

MRS. NATION VISITS TAFT AT HIS HOME

Rum and Reform Discussed Freely by Candidate's Unexpected Visitor.

SMILING, BUT FIRM, HE DECLINES TO TALK

Refuses Her Proffer of Joint Campaign to Stamp Out the Demon Rum.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.
CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 17.—Carrie Nation invaded the presence of William Howard Taft today and spoke eloquently of rum and reform.

It was not at the candidate's office that she approached him, with martial step and militant speech. It was at his brother's residence, in the early morning hours, when he and Mrs. Taft were at breakfast, that she sought the seclusion and privacy appropriate to the airing of plans for great reform and the abolition of the saloon.

Nor did she come as one who asks a favor. Her foot smote the lawn with such a shock as might come from the rhythmic tread of mailed hosts. She slammed the door with a crash that frightened the innocent sparrows into silence. She rang the door bell as one who demanded admittance to sacred places. And to the servant who opened the door she gave the impression that she was not worthy to kiss the dust her feet had blessed.

Gives Her an Interview.
Judge Taft is an amiable man, and, when her name was announced, he went to the hall to see his visitor. There was no lengthy prelude to the conversation, no idle wasting of time in airy badinage. Urged on by the fever of a great mission, Mrs. Nation glared at the candidate and said in a bass voice:

"Sir, I've come to ask you some questions."

Right there was where the Judge began to regret having been so amiable. "Madam," he said politely, "I cannot discuss these questions at this time."

But Carrie could.

"Sir," she said, waving her umbrella by way of gesticulation, "this is a great and, I might say, a gigantic matter. It is whether you want the prohibition vote. This, sir, has to do with the great home-reckoning institution, the saloon. As you may know, I have devoted my life to waging bitter war against the demon rum-run. And—"

The Judge's hand went up in supplication. "My dear madam," he said, still polite, "I really cannot discuss these questions with you now."

Equal to the Demand.
But again Carrie was equal to the demand, a demand manufactured entirely by herself.

"The abolition of the saloon from the army," she continued, "has made the most powerful fighting body on earth. Why can not the home as well as the army be relieved of the influence of the saloon? You are a great man, sir, and this is a great work."

"I have come to enlist you in the cause. Together, we will lay about us and smile down the demon of devilry, the saloon and the grog shop. You may not believe it, but the votes which you would gain would—"

Again Judge Taft interrupted. By this time the neighbors had begun to take notice and the clamor of insistent reform was resounding up and down the street. Carrie's voice had changed from bass to soprano and the early morning air shivered and waved under the impact of her verbal powers.

The candidate bowed himself toward the nearest door.

"At some other time, my dear madam," he said, even now polite and urbane, "at some other time, but not now."

Well Satisfied.
Thus it was that Carrie departed from the Taft mansion, glad that she has discarded so eloquently on rum and reform in the presence of the Presidential candidate. She expressed herself as well pleased with what she had said and the effect she had had on the candidate.

After seeing that the coast was clear, the Judge made his way to his office, where things were calmer and more encouraging than he had found them during the reformer's visit. Also, he was glad to see that, in spite of Mrs. Nation's calumny, the world was still doing business at the same old stand. As soon as he arrived at his office, he received good news of the political situation in Utah.

Minister's Eulogy.
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Love Conquers Time and Space, In Romance of Washington Girl



MISS HENRIETTA EISINGER, Who Will Take Long Journey to Become a Bride.



JOHN A. STEINBERGER, Formerly of the Capital, Who Now Lives in Washington State.

An acquaintance of only a few months followed by a transcontinental romance, will culminate the latter part of this month, when Miss Henrietta Eisinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Eisinger of this city, will be married to John A. Steinberger, of Seattle, Wash.

Within the next few days Miss Eisinger will start for Everett, Wash., where she will be joined by Mr. Steinberger, and where the ceremony will take place. She will be accompanied by her sister, who will be the only relative to witness the ceremony.

Mr. Steinberger is one of the best known newspaper men on the Pacific Coast. He is a political writer in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and is widely known by Western politicians. He is a nephew of the late Col. Justus D. Steinberger, who commanded Washington's territory civil war regiment of volunteers.

The present Presidential campaign has made it practically impossible for Mr. Steinberger to come East at this time, and for that reason Miss Eisinger has decided to meet her fiancé in the West.

Surprises Friends.
The announcement of Miss Eisinger's engagement came as a surprise to her friends in this city, none of whom knew that she contemplated matrimony.

Last April, when John A. Steinberger, through the efforts of Delegate John C. A. Alaska, was designated to take an examination for appointment as a second lieutenant in the regular army, the fact that he was a nephew of the late Colonel Steinberger was pointed out by historians on the Pacific coast. Colonel Steinberger was a native of Philadelphia, and his forefathers were among the first settlers in the Quaker City.

Mr. Steinberger came to Washington the middle of April to take the army examination, but as yet the papers have not been passed upon by the Secretary of War. Mr. Steinberger spent a week in this city, and the day before he intended starting West he met Miss Eisinger.

Altered His Plans.
After that his plans were completely altered. It was a case of love at first sight. Day after day he postponed his departure, and it was not until the latter part of May that he boarded a train for Seattle. By that time he had obtained Miss Eisinger's promise to marry him.

As soon as he got back to Seattle letters passed daily between the couple. He asked Miss Eisinger to name an early date for the wedding, and to join him in the West. To Miss Eisinger it seemed a long way to Seattle, and she could not make up her mind to go. But Mr. Steinberger became insistent with his pleadings. Finally, he wrote Mrs. Eisinger that he could wait no longer to marry her daughter, and that if she would consent he would come East immediately.

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AEROPLANE BALKS FOR WILBUR WRIGHT

Makes Two Unsuccessful Attempts—Goes After Prizes Tomorrow.

LE MANS, Sept. 17.—Wilbur Wright's aeroplane balked with him again today, and after two unsuccessful attempts he took the machine back to the shed and began overhauling the motor.

In the first attempt the aeroplane failed to ascend. In the second trial the machine rose gracefully and started out as though the mark of 30 minutes 13-5 seconds, made yesterday, was in danger, but the motor soon went wrong again, and after remaining in the air 6 minutes and 43 seconds, during which he covered two and eight-tenths miles, Wright was forced to alight.

Wright tried his first "two-passenger" flight last evening, taking Ernest Zens with him on a flight that lasted 2 minutes 23 seconds. Wright will try to win \$5,000 in prizes tomorrow if he can get his machine in shape. He will compete for the Aero Club \$1,000 prize for the longest flight over an inclosed course, and a \$1,000 prize for the greatest flight made in 1908.

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FLEET'S DEPARTURE TO MANILA DELAYED

First Break in the Schedule Is Caused by Delay in Coaling.

ALBANY, West Australia, Sept. 17.—The first break in the schedule of the American fleet occurred today, when it was found inadvisable, owing to the delay in coaling, to set sail for Manila until tomorrow morning. The leave-taking could have taken place this evening, but it was decided to spend one more night in King George Sound.

Notwithstanding the delay, the fleet expects to reach Manila on scheduled time, October 1. The fleet officers have been advised of the prevalence of cholera in Manila, but they are not greatly alarmed, as the sailors will be carefully advised as to how to escape the disease.

If the men will but watch their diet carefully, and drink only distilled water from the ships' tanks, there will be no danger from the disease, the fleet officials think.

James Jackson Coughlan, of Bristol, Conn., who was killed yesterday, while aiding in loading coal, was given a military funeral today.

CANNON IN FIGHT TO HELP CAMPBELL

"Uncle Joe" Gets Into Kansas Squabble, Ignoring Request Made by Taft.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Sept. 17.—Announcing that he had come to help his friend, Representative Philip P. Campbell, Speaker Cannon has entered the Kansas campaign. Campbell has been one of Cannon's loyal supporters in the House, and has helped to uphold the "square deal" tariff policy. The Speaker declared, in a speech at the Auditorium, that President Roosevelt had suggested this policy.

It is asserted that in coming to Kansas Cannon disregarded an expressed wish of Judge Taft, and has followed the plans mapped out for him by the Congressional campaign committee.

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